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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
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FOR: LIQUID CRYSTAL OPTICAL ELEMENT
AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows.

3. (Amended) The method for producing a liquid crystal optical element according to Claim 1, wherein each of R₁ and R₂ which are independent of each other, is an ethylene group or a propylene group.

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